

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 24-C-0618 - Joint Petition of Verizon Communications Inc., Frontier Communications Parent, Inc., Frontier Telephone of Rochester, Inc., Frontier Communications of Seneca-Gorham, Inc., Ogden Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Ogden Telephone Company, Frontier Communications of Sylvan Lake, Inc., Frontier Communications of New York, Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications of New York, Frontier Communications of Ausable Valley, Inc., Frontier Communications of Rochester Inc., and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. for Approval of a Proposed Transaction Pursuant to Sections 99 and 100 of the Public Service Law.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS

(Issued November 21, 2025)

By petition filed October 31, 2024, and supplemented November 21, 2025, Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon), Frontier Communications Parent, Inc. (Frontier Parent), Frontier Telephone of Rochester, Inc., Frontier Communications of Seneca-Gorham, Inc. Ogden Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Ogden Telephone Company, Frontier Communications of Sylvan Lake, Inc., Frontier Communications of New York, Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications of New York, Frontier Communications of Ausable Valley, Inc., Frontier Communications of Rochester Inc., and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (the Frontier Operating Companies and collectively, with Frontier Parent, Frontier) (Frontier with Verizon, Petitioners) request Public Service Commission (Commission) approval, pursuant to Public Service Law (PSL) §§99 and 100, to transfer indirect ownership and control

of the Frontier Operating Companies to Verizon (Transaction). In approving proposed telephone transfers under PSL §§99 and 100, the Commission must determine, among other things, whether the proposed Transaction will serve the public interest.

According to the Petitioners, the proposed Transaction is expected to strengthen the Frontier Operating Companies' financial position and business operations and expand fiber-based broadband services to underserved and unserved addresses within the New York service territories of Verizon and the Frontier Operating Companies. The Petitioners state that Verizon possesses the financial strength and technical expertise to optimize Frontier's networks and expand service offerings to customers. Moreover, they add that the proposed Transaction is not expected to cause any change to the corporate identities, authorizations, rights, obligations, rates, and services of the Frontier Operating Companies and therefore, will be transparent to customers.

In the November 21, 2025 supplement, the Petitioners commit to several initiatives, to the extent the Transaction is ultimately approved by the Commission, including investing at least \$130 million to deploy Fiber-to-the-Premises network to pass unserved, underserved, and overbuild addresses; investing \$20 million to support programs and projects that help close New York's digital divide; hiring additional employees in the Frontier territories; agreeing to no involuntarily laying off of any Frontier employees in New York who are in a customer-facing, service quality, or network reliability role; implementing the requirements resulting from the Frontier Operations Audit currently pending before the Commission in Case 24-C-0537; adopting a plant maintenance program for Frontier's regulated voice network; spending at least \$151 million across its Small Business Accelerator Program, Small Business Digital Ready

Program, and other community-based, small business funding in New York; and, maintaining a minimum common equity ratio for the Frontier Operating companies.

The full text of the petition and supplement may be reviewed on the Department of Public Service's (Department) website, found [here](#), or by visiting www.dps.ny.gov (click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), and enter "24-C-0618" in the "Search by Case Number" field).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that comments evaluating the proposed Transaction are requested by **December 5, 2025**. Comments should be submitted electronically, by going to www.dps.ny.gov, clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), entering "24-C-0618" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then clicking on the "Post Comments" box located at the top of the page. Those unable to file electronically, may mail their comments to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350; however, electronic filing is strongly encouraged.

All written comments submitted to the Secretary will be posted on the Department's website and may be accessed on the Department's website by searching the matter number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary